



## WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

### World Heritage: Local Insights for Global Challenges

23 June to 02 July 2019  
Baku, Azerbaijan

### CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### About the Forum

As an integral part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee, and in the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, the Ministry of the Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan will host the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2019 under the theme of 'World Heritage: Local Insights for Global Challenges', from 23 June to 2 July 2019, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The overall aim of the Forum is to highlight the key opportunities and challenges of heritage management in the twenty-first century. Accompanied by local and international experts, and through a variety of site visits, presentations and roundtables, the participants will gain insights into the processes and working practices of the *1972 World Heritage Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*. They will discuss and gain in depth knowledge of the global concepts of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda, while also having the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the local Azerbaijani heritage and its management. At the end of the Forum, the young professionals will present their Declaration to the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee.

#### Background

World Heritage Youth Fora are among the flagship activities of the World Heritage Education Programme, serving as a platform for bringing youth and heritage experts together to foster intercultural learning and exchange, to debate common concerns and to discover new roles for themselves in heritage conservation. They also provide an opportunity for youth to meet with the members of the World Heritage Committee and its Advisory Bodies, and to discuss the 1972 Convention and its implementation in greater depth. The participants also present the results of

the Forum to the World Heritage Committee. For further information on the previous World Heritage Youth Fora, please visit: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/youth-forum/>

## Eligible Applicants

Participants of the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2019 are expected to be:

- Aged between 23 and 32 years;
- Experienced in the field of World Heritage; working on conservation and promotion of heritage in their regular activities, along with other young people;
- Motivated and committed to implementing the outcomes of the Forum in their respective countries;
- Available for the entire duration of the Forum;
- Proficient in English, as the Forum will be conducted entirely in English.

## Application and Selection Procedure

All interested candidates who wish to apply for participation in the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum should fill in and submit the **online application form**. Please visit <http://43whcbaku2019.az/en/forums/1>.

Up to 30 participants will be selected for the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2019: One participant from each of the 21 Member States of the current World Heritage Committee (Angola, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Cuba, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe) and up to 9 participants from other countries will be selected.

**The deadline for submitting the applications is 01 May 2019 at 23:59, Azerbaijan Time (CET+2).**

Gender and geographical diversity will be taken into account when making the selection of the participants, along with the diversity of professional backgrounds and experience.

The selected applicants will be informed by mid of May 2019.

## Practical Information

The participants are expected to arrive on 23 June. All related expenses (economy class flights, accommodation, local transportation and meals) will be covered by the host country for the duration of the Forum. The organizers will also assist in the travel preparations, and will provide support to the participants who need a visa.

If any participant wishes to extend his/her stay, all related costs will be covered by the participant. In such a case, the organizers should be informed in advance, in order to make all the necessary arrangements.

Before arriving in Azerbaijan, participants are requested to prepare a short presentation on one of the World Heritage sites in their respective country, linked to the theme of the Forum. All participants are also requested to bring some samples of traditional food and drinks, and a flag of their country, to share on the intercultural night.

### **Further Inquiries**

For further information or clarifications, please contact: [ypf2019@43whcbaku2019.az](mailto:ypf2019@43whcbaku2019.az)

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